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**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

**This document has been substantially revised and must be completely reviewed.** This publication incorporates changes to the following areas: The personal hydration system, organizational baseball caps, nonprior services (NPS) airman accessory standard, inspector general (IG) badges, flight duty uniform (FDU) patches, chaplain and services uniform items, basic military training (BMT)/officer training school (OTS) hats, changes to the survival/evasion/resistance/escape (SERE) uniform tables, and changes to the battlefield airmen (BA) field (pararescue (PJ), combat control (CCT), tactical air control party (TACP), combat rescue officer (CRO), and special tactics officer (STO)) uniform tables. References have been deleted to the maintenance organizational hats and patches, black T-shirts with the 5-inch AEROSPACE POWER! and "No One Comes Close" logos, as well as references to wear of the professional military education (PME) badge and the hospital white uniforms.

**Table 1.1. Commanders' Responsibilities.**

| <b>To Maintain Uniformity and Good Order and Discipline.</b>   |  |
|--|--|
| Major Command Commanders<br>(See note 1)   |  |
| <b>NOTES:</b><br>1. Wear of personal hydration system is authorized with the battle dress uniform (BDU) and flight dress uniform (FDU) while on home station from 1 May - 30 September. Hydration systems will be black, olive drab, or woodland camouflage. |  |

**Table 1.5. Personal Grooming Standards (see notes).**

| <b>L<br/>I<br/>N<br/>E</b>  | <b>A</b>  | <b>B</b>   | <b>C</b>                                |
|---|---|--|---|
|   | <b>Item of Grooming (M-Men, W-Women) (see Note 1)</b> | <b>Will be/have</b>  | <b>Will not</b>                         |
| <b>2</b>  | Hair Style (M)  | Basic Military Training (BMT) Students - First haircut for males: No more than 1/4 inch in length using the clippers over the entire head. Subsequent haircuts during BMT: Neatly trimmed and tapered and allow for the gradual growth of hair and sideburns within Air Force standards. |   |
|   |   | Officer Training School (OTS) Students - Hair at the back of the neck will be tapered.   | Be a block cut at the back of the neck. |
| <b>6</b>  | Mustache (M)<br>(Note 9 (Added))                      |  |   |
| <b>NOTES:</b><br>9 (Added). BMT students will not wear mustaches. |   |  |   |

**Figure 2.1. Men's Service Dress.****NOTES:**

4. The instructor badge is worn on the right side centered between the arm seam and lapel, with the bottom edge of the badge parallel to the top of the welt pocket.

**Figure 2.2. Men's Mess Dress Uniform.****NOTES:**

2. The instructor badge is worn on the top right side in same relative position as badges worn on the left.

**Figure 2.3. Men's Semi-Formal Dress Uniform (Enlisted only).****NOTES:**

4. The instructor badge is worn on the right side centered between the arm seam and lapel, with the bottom edge of the badge parallel to the top of welt of the pocket.

**Figure 2.4. Men's Short-Sleeved Shirt.****NOTES:**

3. The instructor badge is worn on the right pocket centered between the left and right edges and between the bottom of flap and bottom of the pocket.

**Figure 2.5. Men's Long-Sleeved Shirt.****NOTES:**

3. The instructor badge is worn on the right pocket centered between the left and right edges and between the bottom of the flap and bottom of the pocket.

**Figure 2.7. Men's and Women's Battle Dress Uniform (BDU).****NOTES:**

4. Subdued, sewn-on AETC command emblem will be worn on the right breast pocket. Subdued, sewn-on wing emblem will be worn on the left breast pocket. Installation commanders may authorize subdued sewn-on unit emblems for wear centered 1/2 inch above the name tape over the right breast pocket. Such emblems must be subordinate to the emblem worn on the left pocket. **Include a list of authorized unit emblems in the installation supplement. Exceptions:** The recruiter badge, security forces shield, fire protection shield, or missile badge is worn on the left breast pocket in place of the wing emblem. Morale patches and competition patches are not authorized. Morale patches include, but are not limited to, PRIME BEEF, PRIME RIB, Response Force; competition patches such as Gunsmoke, William Tell, Giant Sword; and recognition patches such as the Hennessy, Daedalian, Journeyman, or other technician award patches. Instructor badge may be worn 1/2 inch above the right pocket.

**Figure 2.8. Women's Maternity Battle Dress Uniform (BDU).****NOTES:**

4. Subdued, sewn-on AETC command emblem will be worn on the right breast pocket. Subdued, sewn-on wing emblem will be worn on the left breast pocket. Installation commanders may authorize subdued sewn-on unit emblems for wear centered 1/2 inch above the name tape over the right breast pocket. Such emblems must be subordinate to emblem worn on the left pocket. **Include a list of authorized unit emblems in the installation supplement.** *Exceptions:* The recruiter badge, security forces shield, fire protection shield, or missile badge is worn on the left breast pocket in place of the wing emblem. Morale patches and competition patches are not authorized. Morale patches include, but are not limited to, PRIME BEEF, PRIME RIB, Response Force; competition patches such as Gunsmoke, William Tell, Giant Sword; and recognition patches such as the Hennessy, Daedalian, Journeyman, or other technician award patches. Instructor badge may be worn 1/2 inch above the right pocket.

**Figure 2.12. Men's and Women's Headgear.****NOTES:**

3. Officers are authorized to wear the bright or nonsubdued grade insignia on BDU caps while in garrison.

**Figure 2.14. Women's Service Dress Uniform.****NOTES:**

4. The instructor badge is worn on the right side centered between the arm seam and lapel, with the bottom edge of the badge parallel to the top of the welt pocket.

**Figure 2.15. Women's Mess Dress Uniform.****NOTES:**

3. The instructor badge is worn on the top right side in the same relative position as badges worn on the left.

**Figure 2.16. Women's Semi-Formal Dress Uniform (Enlisted only).****NOTES:**

4. The instructor badge is worn on the right side centered between arm seam and lapel, with the bottom edge of the badge parallel with the top of the welt pocket.

**Figure 2.17. Women's Short-Sleeved Blouse.****NOTES:**

3. The instructor badge is worn on the right side, 1/2 inch above the name tag.

**Figure 2.18. Women's Long-Sleeved Blouse.****NOTES:**

3. The instructor badge is worn on the right side, 1/2 inch above the name tag.

**Figure 2.19. Maternity Service Dress Uniform (Jumper).****NOTES:**

3. The instructor badge is worn on the right side, 1/2 inch above the name tag.

**Figure 2.20. Maternity Mess Dress Uniform.****NOTES:**

2. The instructor badge is worn on the right side with the bottom edge parallel to the top of the medals or that relative position when medals are not worn.

**Figure 2.21. Women's Semi-Formal Dress (Maternity-Enlisted Only).****NOTES:**

3. The instructor badge is worn on the right side with the bottom edge parallel to bottom edge of the ribbons.

**Figure 2.22. Maternity Jumper (When Not Worn as Service Dress, Mess Dress, or Semi-Formal).****NOTES:**

3. The instructor badge is worn on the right side with the bottom edge parallel to the bottom edge of ribbons.

**Figure 2.23. Maternity Long-Sleeved Blouse.****NOTES:**

3. The instructor badge is worn on the right side, 1/2 inch above name tag.

Table 2.1. Men's Service and Dress Uniforms (see note).

|                  | A                      | B                     | C                  | D                   | E          | F            | G           | H   |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|---|
| L<br>I<br>N<br>E | Items                  | Service Dress Uniform | Long Sleeved Shirt | Short Sleeved Shirt | Mess Dress | Formal Dress | Semi-Formal | Wear Instructions/Materials   |
| 21               | Aiguillette<br>(Added) | X                     | X                  | X                   | X          | X            | X           | Upon successful completion of prescribed formal training courses, military training leaders (MTL) are authorized to wear the blue aiguillette with all blue uniform combinations. Airmen leaders will wear the single-braid red, yellow, or green aiguillette. Chapel assistants will wear the white aiguillette. Drum and bugle or fife and drum will wear the silver or white and navy blue aiguillette. Drill team members and special activity teams will wear the black aiguillette. <b>Note:</b> The ceremonial aiguillette is optional with mess dress, semi-formal, and service dress. It is worn grounded on the left shoulder seam. |

Table 2.2. Men's Battle Dress Uniform.

| L<br>I<br>N<br>E | A                           | B                          | C  |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
|                  | Items                       | Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) | Wear Instructions/Materials  |
| 7                | Organizational Baseball Cap | X                          | In addition to the issue BDU cap, woodland/BDU pattern baseball-style caps (with or without meshed back) and solid black caps are authorized. The squadron emblem will be centered on the front with vertical lettering on both sides. Organizations may be identified on authorized baseball-style caps with a combination of black numbers and/or letters (BDU pattern) or squadron colors (solid black hats). Letters/numbers will be no more than 2 inches high ( <b>Examples:</b> 12 CES, 64 MSS). Lightning bolts, clouds, dart designs, badges, and emblems are not authorized on the BDU pattern baseball-style caps. The unit number will be on the wearer's right and the unit on the wearer's left. Use appropriate abbreviations (such as "1st" or "3d") if the unit number is lower than 10. <b>Note:</b> Headquarters personnel may wear only the issue BDU cap with BDUs. The issue BDU cap is the only headgear authorized for wear with BDUs during exercises, contingencies, or deployments. <b>Exceptions:</b> 1) HQ AETC/IG inspection team members may wear the organizational baseball cap during an inspection TDY. Cap will be dark blue with "IG" affixed on the front, using maximum 2-inch high white lettering. 2) In the absence of an approved squadron cap, Services personnel may wear the blue cap with Services logo embroidered in white on front of the cap. |
| 13               | Undershirt                  | X                          | Crew-neck, long-sleeved turtleneck, dickey, thermal undershirts (no pockets) are authorized. Thermal undershirt may be white even if visible. Emblem (left side of the chest) may be any color, will not exceed 5 inches in diameter and may be silk-screened or ironed on. Include approved unit emblems in the installation supplement (optional black T-shirt only). The BDU shirt may not be removed when wearing thermal undershirts or turtleneck shirts.  |
| 14               | Other                       | X                          | Aiguilletes: Upon successful completion of the prescribed formal training course, MTLs may wear the blue aiguillette with the BDUs. Airmen leaders will wear the single-braid red, yellow, or green aiguillette with all uniform combinations. Chapel assistants will wear the white aiguillette. Drum and bugle or fife and drum will wear the silver or white and navy blue aiguillette. Drill team members and special activity teams will wear the black aiguillette.  |

Table 2.3. Women's Service and Dress Uniforms (see notes).

| L<br>I<br>N<br>E | A                      | B                     | C                  | D                   | E                       | F                | G                             | H                              | I          | J            | K           | L   |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|---|
|                  | Items                  | Service Dress Uniform | Long Sleeved Shirt | Short Sleeved Shirt | Maternity Service Dress | Maternity Jumper | Long-Sleeved Maternity Blouse | Short-Sleeved Maternity Blouse | Mess Dress | Formal Dress | Semi-Formal | Wear Instructions/<br>Materials   |
| 20               | Aiguillette<br>(Added) | X                     | X                  | X                   | X                       | X                | X                             | X                              | X          | X            | X           | Upon successful completion of prescribed formal training courses, military training leaders (MTL) are authorized to wear the blue aiguillette with all blue uniform combinations. Airmen leaders will wear the single-braid red, yellow, or green aiguillette. Chapel assistants will wear the white aiguillette. Drum and bugle or fife and drum will wear the silver or white and navy blue aiguillette. Drill team members and special activity teams will wear the black aiguillette. <b>Note:</b> The ceremonial aiguillette is optional with mess dress, semi-formal, and service dress. It is worn grounded on the left shoulder seam. |



Table 2.4. Women's Battle Dress Uniforms.

| L<br>I<br>N<br>E | A                           | B                              | C                          | D  |
|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
|                  | Items                       | Maternity Battle Dress Uniform | Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) | Wear Instructions/Materials  |
| 6                | Organizational Baseball Cap | X                              | X                          | <p>In addition to the issue BDU cap, woodland/BDU pattern baseball-style caps (with or without meshed back), and solid black caps are authorized. The squadron emblem will be centered on the front with vertical lettering on both sides. Organizations may be identified on authorized baseball-style caps with a combination of black numbers and/or letters (BDU pattern) or squadron colors (solid black hats). Letters/numbers will be no more than 2 inches high (<i>Examples:</i> 12 CES, 64 MSS). Lightning bolts, clouds, dart designs, badges, and emblems are not authorized on the BDU pattern baseball-style caps. The unit number will be on the wearer's right and the unit on the wearer's left. Use appropriate abbreviations (such as "1st" or "3d") if the unit number is lower than 10. <i>Note:</i> Headquarters personnel may wear only the issue BDU cap with BDUs. The issue BDU cap is the only headgear authorized for wear with BDUs during exercises, contingencies, or deployments.</p> <p><i>Exceptions:</i> 1) HQ AETC/IG inspection team members may wear the organizational baseball cap during an inspection TDY. Cap will be dark blue with "IG" on the front, using maximum 2-inch high white lettering. 2) In the absence of an approved squadron cap, Services personnel may wear the blue cap with Services logo embroidered in white on front of the cap.</p> |
| 12               | Undergarments               |                                |                            |  |
|                  | Undershirt                  | X                              | X                          | Long- or short-sleeved T-shirt, turtleneck, dickey, or thermal undershirts (no pockets) are authorized. Emblem (left side of the chest) may be any color, will not exceed 5  |

| <b>L<br/>I<br/>N<br/>E</b> | <b>A</b>     | <b>B</b>                              | <b>C</b>                          | <b>D</b>  |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
|                            | <b>Items</b> | <b>Maternity Battle Dress Uniform</b> | <b>Battle Dress Uniform (BDU)</b> | <b>Wear Instructions/Materials</b>  |
|                            |              |                                       |                                   | inches in diameter, and may be silk-screened or ironed on (optional black T-shirt only). The BDU shirt may not be removed when wearing thermal undershirts or turtleneck shirts.  |
| <b>13</b>                  | Other        | X                                     | X                                 | Aiguillette: Upon successful completion of the prescribed formal training course, MTLs may wear the blue aiguillette with the BDUs. Airman leaders will wear the single-braid red, yellow, or green aiguillette with all uniform combinations. Chapel assistants will wear the white aiguillette. Drum and bugle or fife and drum will wear the silver or white and navy blue aiguillette. Drill team members and special activity teams will wear the black aiguillette. |

**Table 2.6. Clothing/Accessory Standards.**

| <b>I<br/>T<br/>E<br/>M</b> | <b>A</b>   | <b>B</b>   |
|----------------------------|--|--|
|                            | <b>To present the proper military image</b>                        | <b>Will be</b>   |
| <b>10</b>                  | Pager, cellular phone, and personal digital assistant              | Prohibited during the academic day and while in uniform for nonprior service (NPS) airmen (basic military training and initial technical school trainees). Also prohibited: two-way radios, MP3 players, or any other electronic device. |
| <b>19</b>                  | Campaign Pins/Ribbons (i.e. Combined Federal Campaign, Red Ribbon) | Worn only during the campaign, and only if approved by installation commander. Specific period of wear will be determined and published locally by the   |

| I<br>T<br>E<br>M | A  | B  |
|------------------|--|--|
|                  | To present the proper military image                         | Will be  |
|                  | Campaign) (Added)  | installation commander in conjunction with each campaign. When authorized, the ornament will be worn centered 1/2 inch above the name tag. If a badge is worn above the name tag, the ornament will be worn centered 1/2 inch above the badge. |
| 20               | Exercise Badges (with “EET” identifier) (Added)              | Worn, if authorized by installation commander, only by exercise evaluation team members and only during exercise periods.  |
| 21               | Inspector General (IG) Badges (with “IG” identifier) (Added) | Worn by inspection team members only during inspection periods.  |

3.1.1. See **Table 2.1** through **Table 2.4**, as supplemented, for wear of the aiguillette with blue and battle dress uniforms. **Note:** Wear of the ceremonial aiguillette is optional with mess dress, semiformal, and service dress. The aiguillette is worn grounded on the left shoulder seam.

3.1.1.1. **(Added)** When in BDUs, Air Force students enrolled in Phase I and Phase II of DoD-sponsored physician assistant training will wear Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)/Officer Training School (OTS)-style rank insignia. Phase I students will wear one silver bar on a black background. Phase II students will wear two silver bars on a black background.

3.1.1.2. **(Added)** When wearing the blue service uniform, Air Force students enrolled in Phase I and Phase II of the DoD-sponsored physician assistant training will wear OTS-style shoulder board insignia similar to that worn by candidates at OTS. Phase I students will wear black shoulder boards with a 1/2-inch silver braid attached 1/4 inch from the board's lateral edge. Phase II student shoulder boards will have a second silver braid spaced 1/4 inch from the first braid. The change to Phase II insignia occurs upon graduation from Phase I. Soft shoulder boards are worn with long- and short-sleeved blue shirts. Hard shoulder boards are worn with the service dress, lightweight blue jacket, and raincoat. The officer cap is worn without insignia.

3.1.1.3. **(Added)** Pararescue (PJ), combat control (CCT), tactical air control party (TACP), combat rescue officer (CRO), and special tactics officer (STO) cadre uniforms will be worn as prescribed in Table 3.11 (Added) of this supplement. This table does not mandate the purchase or wear of specialized clothing items, but allows unit commanders to purchase specialized clothing to support specific training requirements.

3.1.1.4. **(Added)** PJ, CCT, CRO, and STO cadre uniforms will be worn as prescribed in **Table 3.12** (Added) of this supplement. This table does not mandate the purchase or wear of specialized clothing items, but allows unit commanders to purchase specialized clothing to support specific training requirements.

3.1.1.5. **(Added)** Survival, evasion, resistance, and escape (SERE) uniforms will be worn as prescribed in **Table 3.13** (Added) of this supplement. This table does not mandate the purchase or wear of specialized clothing items, but allows unit commanders to purchase specialized clothing to support specific training requirements.

3.1.1.6. **(Added)** Flight duty uniform (FDU) will be worn as prescribed in **Table 3.14** (Added) of this supplement.

3.2.5.2. The FDU/desert FDU and DuPont™ Nomex® style flight jackets name tags may have a small design or emblem, such as a logo or aircraft. Aerospace physiology (4M0X1) personnel are authorized to wear the enlisted medical and/or aerospace badges on the name tag. Style must be standardized throughout the installation. Grade (for enlisted members) and first and last name will be centered in block letters. A nickname may be used in lieu of the first name, but it must be in good taste. Include installation specifications for name tags in the installation supplement.

3.2.5.4. Position the US flag, or wing, group, or center emblem (approximately 3 by 3 1/2 inches), no lower than 1 inch below the shoulder seam. USAF Weapons School graduates are authorized to wear the weapons school graduate patch.

3.2.5.5. Position 3 by 3 1/2-inch vivid color squadron patch, flight patch, wing montage, or class patch no lower than 1 inch below the right shoulders seam; see **Table 3.14** (Added). Personnel assigned to an echelon above wing level may wear the patch of the headquarters organization to which they are assigned (such as the numbered Air Force or Air University emblem), or a directorate patch. Center standardization/evaluation (stan/eval) emblems below the shoulder seam and attach to the squadron patch. Variations are authorized for personnel deployed or on special assignment with other commands. Style must be standardized throughout the organization.

3.2.5.6. Position vivid color parent unit or installation commander-approved special patches no lower than 1 inch from the shoulder seam on the left sleeve. Foreign/allied military members training with AETC units are authorized to wear their nations' 2 by 3 1/2-inch flag, in vivid color, in lieu of the US flag.

3.2.5.7. Vivid color 3 by 3-inch AETC command patch will be worn on right breast, centered and even with the name patch on the left breast of the uniform. A flying hour tab is not authorized above the AETC command patch.

3.2.5.8. Unit commanders may prescribe appropriate, distinctive unit-colored scarf or neckwear. If prescribed, wear is mandatory for all unit members. Wear around the neck tucked into the FDU. Do not wear while performing flight duties.

3.2.6. Installation commander may authorize unit-colored T-shirts for Friday wear. (**Exception:** Not authorized while flying cross-country.) Commanders must maintain close control over style and uniformity. Approved T-shirts will be listed in the installation supplement.

**Table 3.4. Distinctive Uniforms--Security Forces (SF).**

| Item           | Description/Wear Provisions  |
|----------------|--|
| Belt           | Black nylon belt without MAJCOM crest with matching duty gear.     |
| BDU Cap/Airman | When performing field duty, wear the woodland pattern cap with the |

| Item  | Description/Wear Provisions   |
|---|---|
| Battle Uniform (ABU)<br>Cap (Added)   | BDU and the ABU pattern cap with the ABU.   |
| Bike Patrol Uniform<br>(Added)  | Wear only when performing bike patrol duties.   |
| Helmet (Added)  | Wear black or white American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or Snell-approved bicycle helmet at all times while operating the bicycle.<br><i>Note:</i> Beret will be worn when not wearing the helmet.   |
| Shorts (Added)  | Dark blue cycling shorts with chamois and Velcro® keepers. Wear with the bike patrol shirt.   |
| Shirt (Added)   | White or light blue polo shirt will have 4-inch, reflective, embossed, silver and black security forces badge on front left chest, and “police” centered on back in all upper case 3-inch letters. Wear with bike patrol shorts or pants.   |
| Pants (Added)   | Dark blue cycling pants with Velcro® keepers.   |
| Vest (Added)  | Dark blue and yellow in color with POLICE in 4-inch letters in reflective material on front chest of vest and bolero. Vest will be equipped with zip on-off bolero. Both will have a Velcro® name tag holder on front right chest. An aircrew-style name patch with appropriate functional badge, name, grade, and USAF worn on the vest. |
| Shoes/Socks (Added)   | Black low-cut athletic shoes with soft rubber soles. Socks will be white.   |
| <b>NOTES:</b><br>2. White gloves are not authorized in AETC.<br>6. Installation commanders will establish SF uniform of the day requirements. |   |

**Table 3.6. Distinctive Uniforms--Miscellaneous.**

| Group                               | Item   |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Basic Military Training Instructors | Note 5 (Added)   |
| Chaplains                           | Chaplains are authorized to wear civilian clothing or clergy garments in accordance with their ecclesiastical traditions while conducting chapel worship services and performing specific religious ministries (e.g., religious education). Duty uniforms are required for other duty-related activities (e.g., visitation). Chaplain Assistants are not authorized wear of civilian clothing while on duty. |

| Group  | Item           |
|--|----------------|
| OTS Drill and Ceremonies Instructors (Added)   | Note 5 (Added) |
| <b>NOTES:</b><br>5. (Added) Basic military training instructors (MTIs) and OTS drill and ceremonies instructors (DCIs) are authorized to wear the campaign (bush) hat. OTS DCIs must have completed basic military training (BMT) MTI training, served a tour as a BMT MTI, and be assigned DCI duties. Master MTIs at BMT and OTS wear a blue braid around the crown of the hat. No other braid color is worn. The hat is not worn off base or outside the BMT or OTS environment ( <b>Exception:</b> While in transit to and from quarters, during essential stops while in transit, and during officially sponsored off-base activities specifically authorized by the BMT or OTS commander). The hat is not authorized for wear while attending PME or formal school training. |                |

**Table 3.8. Distinctive Uniform--Air Force Food Service Uniform.**

|           |                              |  |
|-----------|------------------------------|--|
| <b>4</b>  | Apron (Optional)             | HQ AETC/A1 approves the wear of this item. |
| <b>13</b> | Headgear-Ball Cap (Optional) | HQ AETC/A1 approves the wear of this item. |

**Table 3.12. (Added) BA (PJ, CCT, CRO, STO and TACP) Cadre Fitness Uniforms.**

| LINE     | A               | B   | C   |
|----------|-----------------|---|---|
|          | Item            | Description   | Wear Instructions   |
| <b>1</b> | Coach's Uniform | Composed of applicable coach/athletic uniform items as specified. Detachment 1 instructors may wear a combination of tan pants or shorts with polo shirt. Combat dive course instructors wear yellow athletic shirts. | Official garrison instructor work uniform worn when not directly performing physical training activities. Applicable for wear by PJ, CCT, CRO, STO and TACP instructors (Notes 1 and 8), and combat dive course staff (Note 7). |
| <b>2</b> | Cap             | Black, fitted, cotton cap with medium crown and large visor. LP item.   | Worn with all coach and athletic uniform combinations (Note 2).   |
| <b>3</b> | Shirt           | Light gray, 3-button polo style pullover, quarter-length sleeve cotton-blend shirt. LP item.  | Worn with coach's shorts (Note 3).  |
| <b>4</b> | Shorts          | Black athletic-style, belted, medium length, cargo pocket short of breathable medium weight fabric. LP item.  | Worn with coach's shirt (Note 7).   |

| <b>L<br/>I<br/>N<br/>E</b> | <b>A</b>                     | <b>B</b>   | <b>C</b>  |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
|                            | <b>Item</b>                  | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Wear Instructions</b>  |
| <b>5</b>                   | Jacket,<br>Layered           | Black, multi-layer jacket system. Wind/rain resistant Gortex® pocketed, full front-zippered outer layer; wind resistant thermal (fleece or other), pocketed, full front-zippered inner layer. LP item. | Worn with all coach and athletic, long-pant, uniform combinations, consistent with seasonal and climatic conditions. May be worn in single or double layer configuration, with either layer acceptable for wear as an outer garment (Note 4). |
| <b>6</b>                   | Shoes                        | Black, athletic-style, standard lacing, leather shoe. LP item.   | Worn with coach uniform combinations only.  |
| <b>7</b>                   | Socks                        | White, athletic-style, optional fabric socks. LP item.   | Worn with coach uniform combinations only.  |
| <b>8</b>                   | Athletic Uniform             | Includes athletic uniform items specified in this table.   | Worn when directly performing or transiting physical training activities. Not for wear as a normal garrison uniform. For wear by PJ, CCT, CRO, STO and TACP instructors (Note 1).   |
| <b>9</b>                   | Athletic Shirt               | Light gray, short or long sleeve T-shirt made of lightweight wicking material (Coolmax® or other). Dive course staff: See Note 7. LP item.   | Worn with athletic shorts or pants consistent with seasonal and climatic conditions (Note 5).   |
| <b>10</b>                  | Athletic Short               | Black medium length, running short made of lightweight wicking material. LP item.  | Worn with athletic shirt consistent with seasonal and climatic conditions.  |
| <b>11</b>                  | Athletic Pant                | Black pullover running tights made of lightweight wicking material. LP item.   | Worn with athletic shirt consistent with seasonal and climatic conditions.  |
| <b>12</b>                  | Athletic Wind Suit Ensemble  | Black, lightweight pullover, wind and rain resistant pants and long-sleeve, half-zipper shirt combination. LP item.  | Worn with all coach and athletic uniform combinations consistent with seasonal and climatic conditions.   |
| <b>13</b>                  | Athletic Sweat Suit Ensemble | Black heavyweight, cotton blend, sweat suit ensemble includes non-hooded, pullover sweatshirt and pants. LP item.  | Worn with all coach and athletic uniform combinations consistent with seasonal and climatic conditions (Note 6).  |

| <b>L<br/>I<br/>N<br/>E</b> | <b>A</b>       | <b>B</b>  | <b>C</b>  |
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|                            | <b>Item</b>    | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Wear Instructions</b>  |
| <b>14</b>                  | Athletic Glove | Black, layered, lightweight running glove system. Outer layer: Rain and wind resistant material. Inner layer: Wicking thermal layer. LP item. | Worn with all coach and athletic uniform combinations consistent with seasonal and climatic conditions.       |
| <b>15</b>                  | Athletic Shoe  | Conservative running shoe designed for individual running weight, style and biomechanics. LP item.  | Worn with athletic uniform combinations only. For Security Forces Combat Leaders Course (CLC) Cadre (Note 9). |

**NOTES:**

1. For wear by CCT, PJ, CRO, STO and TACP instructors assigned to recruiting/physical training functions at Lackland AFB TX; Keesler AFB MS; Pope AFB NC; Kirtland AFB NM, Hurlburt Field Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center (NDSTC) FL, and Naval Support Activity, Panama City (NSA-PC).
2. Center embroidered COMBAT CONTROL, USAF PARARESCUE, USAF COMBAT RESCUE OFFICER, USAF SPECIAL TACTICS OFFICER, USAF COMBAT DIVE, or USAF TACP in 7/16-inch white block capital letters on the front of the hat.
3. Center applicable 3 1/2-inch vivid-colored specialty flash above the wearer's left breast, and center instructor's rank and last name, in 7/16-inch black block capital letters, over the wearer's right breast.
4. Center 3 1/2-inch subdued specialty flash on the inner thermal layer above on the wearer's left breast. Centered embroidered CADRE below the flash; CADRE will be 7/16-inch white capital block letters.
5. Center 3 1/2-inch black printed specialty flash above wearer's left breast. Center CADRE below the flash. CADRE will be printed in 7/16-inch black block capital letters.
6. Center white-lettered 3 1/2-inch specialty flash above the wearer's left breast, and left thigh on the pants. On the shirt, center instructor's rank and last name, in 7/16-inch white block capital letters, below the flash. Do not add instructor name to the pants.
7. Air Force Combat Dive Course, Panama City, FL: NDSTC staff members must wear yellow athletic shirts, sweatshirts and outer garments to provide students with a visual reference for safety. Air Force dive instructors will wear yellow athletic shirts made of moisture wicking material. Center USAF Combat Dive Course, in 3 1/2-inch lettering, above the instructor's left breast.
8. Because of their geographic training locations, Detachment 1 Pararescue, Combat Rescue Officers and SERE instructors are authorized to wear an alternate field uniform composed of tan synthetic coach pants and shirt (summer), LP green, brown, tan, or gray pullover sweater (winter), LP black Northface® Gortex® XCR jacket and LP hiking/mountaineering boots. Specialized mountaineering clothing items are issued and tracked through the detachment supply office.



| <b>L<br/>I<br/>N<br/>E</b> | <b>A</b>   | <b>B</b>           | <b>C</b>                 |
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|                            | <b>Item</b>  | <b>Description</b> | <b>Wear Instructions</b> |
|                            | 9. Because of the significant amount of physical training they lead/conduct, Security Forces CLC instructors are authorized to wear athletic shoes as required or directed by the commander. |                    |                          |

**Table 3.13. (Added) Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) Uniforms.**

| <b>L<br/>I<br/>N<br/>E</b> | <b>A</b>              | <b>B</b>   | <b>C</b>  |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|
|                            | <b>Item</b>           | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Wear Instructions</b>  |
| <b>1</b>                   | Desert Camouflage BDU | Includes daytime hat, coat and trousers, and night parka and liner. Items described in AS 016.   | Worn during contingencies, exercises, deployments, and tactical training requiring desert camouflage (Notes 1 and 2).   |
| <b>2</b>                   | ECW Ensemble          | Includes down/polyester insulated hood, mittens, jacket (parka), jacket liner, trousers, trouser liner, and upper and lower body undergarments. Items described in AS 016. | Worn when needed for maximum protection in adverse environments or during tactical training. Not authorized for garrison wear (Notes 1 and 2).  |
| <b>3</b>                   | Jump Suit             | Black or silver cotton duck coveralls. Described in AS 016.  | Worn while performing military free-fall parachute jumps. ASNP is authorized. Not authorized for garrison wear.   |
| <b>4</b>                   | Wool Shirt            | Black or green cold weather wool-nylon flannel shirt. Described in AS 016.   | May be worn as an outer or middle layer garment; worn with work ensembles or wool trousers, consistent with requirements for environmental protection and proper cover and concealment. May be worn as an outer garment in garrison with work fatigues. As outer garment, ASNP is required. |
| <b>5</b>                   | Wool Trousers         | Olive green cold weather wool serge. Item described in AS 016.   | Worn as an outer or middle layer garment, and with other work ensembles or wool shirt. Not for garrison wear.   |

| LINE | A  | B   | C  |
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|      | Item   | Description   | Wear Instructions  |
| 6    | Mountain Boots   | Subdued color safety boots designed for mountain operations. LP item.   | Worn with ensembles suited for mountainous conditions. Not for garrison wear.  |
| 7    | Field Boots  | Subdued color safety boots designed for field operations ( <i>Examples:</i> Herman Survivors®, Chippewas®, or Danners®). LP item.   | Worn with field uniform ensembles, as appropriate for climatic or geographic conditions. Authorized for garrison wear.   |
| 8    | Parachutist Boots  | Men's black 9-inch boots with soft rubber heel and sole, leather upper, elastic front lacing, and hinged foam-cushioned sole air pockets. Described in AS 016.  | Worn while performing land parachute jumps. Not for garrison wear.   |
| 9    | Specialized Clothing (Climbing Knickers, Gaiters, Storm Gear)                  | Safety clothing designed for specific training and operations. LP items.  | May be worn as appropriate for training, operations, or climatic or geographic conditions. Not for garrison wear.  |
| 10   | Specialized Clothing (Gloves, Mittens, Watch Cap, Pile Cap, Helmet with Liner) | Safety clothing designed for specific training and operations. Items are described in AS 016.   |  |
| 11   | Water Survival/Swimmer/Scuba Ensemble  | Includes black shirt, jacket, tan pants or shorts, black swimmers trunks, hood, mittens, booties or black water shoes, wet/dry suit.  | Worn during water operations, swimming, boating and SCUBA diving activities. May be worn in transit or preparing for these activities. Not for wear outside the duty section (Note 2).   |
| 12   | PT Ensemble (Warmup Suit, Track Shirt, Running Shorts, Running Shoes, Socks)   | Silver grey warmup suit, black shorts, and silver grey shirt made of nylon, acrylic, and cotton fabrics. Contrasting 4-inch SERE crest will be on jacket and track shirt left chest, and on the shorts left leg. Socks will be solid white. | Worn by SERE instructors and, when authorized by instructors, during SERE indoctrination course, Lackland AFB TX. May be worn while participating in PT or parachuting activities, and in transit to or from these activities. Running shoes are authorized only for PT. Not authorized for wear outside the duty section. |

| L<br>I<br>N<br>E  | A    | B           | C   |
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|   | Item | Description | Wear Instructions                                     |
|   |      |             | SERE PT gear may not be worn for squadron or wing PT. |
| <b>NOTES:</b><br>1. SERE personnel are authorized to wear the desert camouflage BDU during training in appropriate environments and scenarios.<br>2. Authorized for Fairchild AFB only. |      |             |   |

Table 3.14. (Added) Flight Duty Uniform (FDU).

|                  | A                    | B                          | C   |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---|
| L<br>I<br>N<br>E | Item                 | Description                | Wear Instructions   |
| 1                | Velcro™ Fasteners    | Green                      | Center 2 by 4-inch rectangular Velcro™ on FDU left breast for name tag placement. Center AETC crest-shaped Velcro™ on FDU right breast. Shoulder patch Velcro™ fasteners will be 3 1/2 inches square.                                 |
| 2                | Grade Insignia       | Subdued cloth (Note 1)     | <b>Officers:</b> Will be sewed to the FDU, centered 5/8-inch from the shoulder seam. See Figure 2.12 for guidance regarding general officer grade insignia. <b>Enlisted members:</b> See Name Tags and Badges guidance in this table. |
| 3                | Name Tags and Badges | 2 by 4 inches (Note 2)     | Centered over left breast pocket. Aeronautical badge may be centered over the name tag. Missile badges will be 1 3/4 by 3/4 inches. Limit: Two authorized badges. (Note 3)  |
|                  |                      | Officers                   | First and last name in block letters; center on tag. Nickname authorized in lieu of first name, but must be in good taste.  |
|                  |                      | Enlisted                   | Grade, first and last name (name in block letters); centered on tag. Nickname authorized in lieu of first name, but must be in good taste.  |
| 4                | AETC Crest           | Vivid color, 3 by 3 inches | Worn centered on right breast, even with the name patch on the left breast (Note 4).  |

|                            | A                        | B  | C   |
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| <b>L<br/>I<br/>N<br/>E</b> | <b>Item</b>              | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Wear Instructions</b>  |
| <b>5</b>                   | US Flag, Special Patches | Vivid color 2 by 3 1/2-inch US flag emblem; approved parent unit or commander-approved special patch (Note 5). | Positioned no lower than 1 inch below the left shoulder seam.   |
| <b>6</b>                   | Organizational Emblems   | Vivid color squadron, flight wing or class patch, 3 by 3 1/2 inches (Note 5).                                  | Positioned no lower than 1 inch below the right shoulder seam. Standardization/ evaluation emblems will be centered below the shoulder seam, attached to the squadron patch. Installation commanders may authorize variation for deployed personnel or those on special assignment to other commands. Style must be standardized throughout organization. |
| <b>7</b>                   | Neckwear                 | Unit-colored scarf or neckwear may be prescribed by unit commanders. If prescribed, wear is mandatory.         | Worn around neck, tucked into the FDU. Not for wear during flight duties.   |
| <b>8</b>                   | Headgear                 | Flight cap   | Only headgear authorized except when performing aircrew duty or as authorized for safety reasons. Squadron baseball caps are not authorized.  |
|                            |                          | Black knit stocking cap  | Installation commanders may authorize during extremely cold weather; grade insignia is not worn.  |
| <b>9</b>                   | Undergarments            | White T-Shirt  | V-neck only; must not be visible under FDU.   |
|                            |                          | Brown T-Shirt  | Crew neck, no pocket.   |
|                            |                          | Black T-Shirt  | Crew neck, no pocket, with or without commander-authorized emblem on left breast. See AFI 36-2903, Table 2.2, Line 13, for optional emblem criteria.  |
|                            |                          | Colored T-Shirt  | Installation commander may authorize unit-colored T-shirt for Friday wear. May not be   |

|                  | A        | B   | C  |
|------------------|----------|---|--|
| L<br>I<br>N<br>E | Item     | Description   | Wear Instructions  |
|                  |          |   | worn when flying cross country. Commanders control style and uniformity. See installation supplement for approved T-shirts.  |
|                  |          | Black, Brown, or Nomex® Turtleneck  | Authorized 1 November–31 March.  |
| 10               | Jacket   | Leather A-2   | Must be zipped at least halfway; sleeves will be worn to the wrist, and will not be pushed up the forearm. See AFI 36-2903, Table 3.6.   |
|                  |          | Nomex®  | Must be zipped at least halfway; sleeves will be worn to the wrist, and will not be pushed up the forearm. Same accouterment, name tag and patch configuration as FDU. Nomex® jacket may not be worn with blue service uniforms. |
| 11               | Footwear | USAF approved black leather boots (laced or belted) as authorized in AS 016. May have zipper inserts. | See AFI 11-301V1 and AFI 11-301V1_AETCSUP.   |

**NOTES:**

- Grade insignia on flight suits will be converted by attrition from nonmetallic encased in plastic. **Example:** Replace upon promotion or when unserviceable.
- Installation commanders will specify the type of name tag material: cloth (unit colors) or laminated plastic. Style must be standardized throughout the installation.
- a) Include name tag specifications in the installation supplement. b) Aerospace Physiology personnel (4M0X1) are authorized to wear the enlisted medical badge and/or aerospace badges on the name tag. c) Individuals authorized to wear either the missile badge or missile badge with operations designator (worn to wearer's right) are authorized to wear three badges. One must be the space and missile badge. Others may be worn above or below the space and missile badge, depending on order of precedence. d) Installation commanders may authorize a small design or emblem, such as a logo or aircraft symbol.
- Flying hour tab is not authorized above the AETC command patch.
- a) Foreign military members training with AETC units are authorized to wear a 2 by 3 1/2-inch vivid color national flag in lieu of the US flag. b) USAF Weapons School graduates may wear the weapons school graduate patch. c) Personnel assigned to a higher level than wing (such as Air University, numbered air force, or major command directorate) may wear the patch of the organization to which they are assigned.

**Table 5.2. Wear of Badges on the BDU, Service, Service Dress, Mess, Formal, and Semi-Formal Dress Uniforms (see notes).**

| <b>R<br/>U<br/>L<br/>E</b> | <b>A</b>                          | <b>B</b>   | <b>C</b>    |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------|
|                            | <b>If an individual wears the</b> | <b>And</b>   | <b>OPR</b>  |
| <b>16 (Added)</b>          | AETC Instructor Badge             | Is wearing a blue uniform ensemble, the badge is worn on right side, with the bottom edge of the badge parallel to the bottom edge of the ribbons. | HQ AETC/A1K |

7.2.2. HQ AETC/A1KKM approves base supplements prior to their publication. Email draft with AF Form 673, *Request to Issue Publication*, to HQ AETC/A1KKM, [aetc.a1kkm.military@randolph.af.mil](mailto:aetc.a1kkm.military@randolph.af.mil).

**7.4. Adopted Forms.**

AF Form 673, *Request to Issue Publication*.

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## Attachment 1

## GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

*References*

AFI 11-301, Volume 1, *Aircrew Flight Equipment (AFE) Program*, 23 February 2009, and its AETC supplement

*Abbreviations and Acronyms*

**AS**—allowance standard

**ASNP**—aircrew style name patch

**BA**—battlefield airmen

**BDU**—battle dress uniform

**BMT**—basic military training

**CCT**—combat control

**CFC**—Combined Federal Campaign

**CONUS**—contiguous United States

**CRO**—combat rescue officer

**DCI**—drill and ceremonies instructor

**ECW**—extreme cold weather

**FDU**—flight duty uniform

**FPCON**—force protection condition

**LP**—local purchase

**MTI**—military training instructor

**MTL**—military training leader

**NDSTC**—Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center

**OTS**—officer training school

**PJ**—pararescue

**PT**—Physical Training

**ROTC**—Reserve Officer Training Corps

**STO**—special tactics officer

**TACP**—tactical air control party

**TDY**—temporary duty

**TRG**—training group